

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman J. Larry Miller. Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Governor J B Pritzker has ordered everyone to wear masks and to observe social distancing. This meeting was held in the former County Board room, Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were J. Larry Miller, Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Neil Hargis was absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Amos Abbott, E-911 Director; David Bartoni, Sheriff; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Mike Rolla, County Highway; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and Ann Wilson other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman J. Larry Miller lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time. Ann Wilson from West Frankfort presented the County with a plaque for passing abortion free County Sanctity of Life at the March 15, 2021 regular County Board meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular County Board Meeting. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Brad Wilson made a motion to pay the claims on file. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CIRCUIT CLERK'S
AUDIT - ACCEPTANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the Circuit Clerk's Audit and he explained that Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk presented this at the May 3rd Committee Meeting.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the Circuit Clerk's Audit as presented at the Committee meeting. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said audit is made a part of these minutes.

**CVS APPRAISAL -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the CVS Appraisal and he asked Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments to explain. Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments gave each County Board member a engagement contract with Tri-State Appraisals to start the process of appraising the CVS building in Benton, IL with parcel numbers 07-13-478-017 & 07-13-478-018 and this will cost the County \$3,000 and she is asking for approval.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the appraisal for the Benton CVS building. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said engagement contract with Tri-State Appraisals is made a part of these minutes.

**RLATC - TRAVEL
REQUEST - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the travel request for the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council (RLATC). Chairman J. Larry Miller explained that RLATC has to have approval to travel outside of the state of Illinois and Missouri, then he read the RLATC's letter requesting to travel to London, Kentucky to attend the S3DA National Tournament on June 17th thru June 20th.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the travel request for RLATC. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Brad Wilson abstained.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR
COLOR BOARD -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Courthouse Exterior Color Board and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston informed the County Board that this was presented at the May 3rd Committee meeting.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the Courthouse Exterior Color Board as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
JAIL'S AIR HANDLER &
CONTROL SYSTEM
CONTRACT - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the contract with McCoy & Howard, Consulting Engineers, Inc. from Mt. Vernon, Illinois for the Franklin County Jail's Air Handler & Control System to start the process of doing the engineering work on the heating and a/c system at the jail.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes.

**RICE SULLIVAN LLC -
SINGLE AUDIT FOR
FY2020- APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Rice Sullivan LLC to conduct a single audit as required for FY2020.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the single audit. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said audit information is made a part of these minutes.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-22 thru 2021-24.

**AMENDING INTEREST
RATE ON 2020 DEBT
CERTIFICATES -
ORDINANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the ordinance amending the interest rate on the 2020 Debt Certificates. This ordinance was on November 17, 2020 as Ordinance No. 2020-06 authorizing the issuance of Debt Certificates, Series 2020 (the "Series 2020 Certificates") in the original amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to (a) complete the Project, (b) refund a portion of the outstanding Series 2019 Certificates and (c) pay costs of issuance of the Series 2020 Certificates and the County Board now desires to amend the Series 2020 Ordinance to reduce the interest rate on the remaining outstanding Series 2020 Certificates.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of this minutes as Ordinance No. 2021-03.

**REAPPORTIONMENT OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD DISTRICTS 2022
THRU 2032**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the reapportionment of the Franklin County Board for 2022 - 2032 and he asked Randall Crocker to explain. Randall Crocker, Chairman of the Redistricting Committee stated that this committee of Brad Wilson, Greg Woolard and myself find that the Reapportionment Plan effective December 1, 2022 thru November 30, 2032 should

remain the same as adopted June 21, 2011 at the regular County Board meeting.

Randall Crocker made a motion to approve the reapportionment as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reapportionment plan is made a part of these minutes.

**PROCEED WITH DISPLAY
CASE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the display case and he asked Randall Crocker to explain. Randall Crocker stated that there are boards and stairway railing from the old courthouse that were saved, and he showed pictures to the County Board, in order to construct a display case that will be 12' x 3' and he is asking to employee Mark Whitler to build this display case for the new courthouse.

Randall Crocker made a motion to employee Mark Whitler as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said pictures are made a part of these minutes.

**COURTHOUSE SALVAGE -
DISPOSAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the disposal of courthouse salvage and he asked Randall Crocker to explain. Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the county has a storage unit with Southern Illinois Storage in Buckner with a monthly rent of \$175.00. Randall Crocker would like to dispose of these items so that will eliminate the cost of the storage unit. The County Board are in agreement to give Randall Crocker permission to dispose of the contents in the storage building.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
STORAGE (4/29/2021)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Southern Illinois Storage is for monthly rent April 17, 2021 thru May 16, 2021 in the amount of \$175.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Southern Illinois Storage. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**HOLCOMB FOUNDATION
ENGINEERING
(4/29/2021)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE) for cylinder testing in the amount of \$1,875.50.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE). Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN
(4/29/2021)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is The Southern Illinoisan for advertising bids for demolition of old courthouse in the amount of \$52.09.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to The Southern Illinoisan. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC (PD
4/28/2021)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. that was tabled at the April 19, 2021 Regular County Board meeting and this is for the period March 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2021 with Project No. 3925 in the amount of \$1,179,100.41.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

REND INVESTMENTS LLC Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Rend Investments LLC is for June 2021 Rental of Property for construction parking in the amount of \$900.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Rend Investments LLC. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

NAVIGATE BUILDING SOLUTIONS Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions is for April 2021 Construction Services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

WHITE & BORGOGNONI ARCHITECTS Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. is for 31% construction administration on invoice #11 in the amount of \$16,727.05.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
CLERK OPERATION FUND
(3) (REIMBURSEMENT
FOR IT PURCHASES)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Clerk Operation Fund - 3 reimbursement for IT purchases: 1): camera / microphone for courtroom B in the amount of \$1,061.44; 2): Owl Video conferencing platform in the amount of \$1,061.44; and 3). 9 Samsung 27-inch monitors for the Circuit Clerk's office in the amount of \$1,563.37.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Franklin County Clerk Operation Fund. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**CONCEPTS OF ILLINOIS
(2)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Concepts of Illinois 2 claims: 1): Circuit Clerk software, Office 2019 Home & Business upgrade in the amount of \$2,385.00; 2): Circuit Clerk 8 computers and 3 computers for Courtrooms A, B & C each have a computer, the total for 11 computers in the amount of \$13,920.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**BOARD OF REVIEW - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Board of Review and stated that Charles Daniel's two year term will end June 1, 2021 and recommends reappointment.

Jack Warren made a motion to reappoint Charles Daniel to the Board of Review for a two year term ending June 1, 2023. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority Board and stated that Richard Glodich's five year term will end June 18, 2021 and recommends reappointment.

Jack Warren made a motion to reappoint Richard Glodich to the Franklin County Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending June 18, 2026. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN HOSPITAL
BOARD - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin County Hospital Board and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**HIGHWAY 37 NORTH
WATER DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Highway 37 North Water District Board and stated that Richard Gossett's five year term will end June 1, 2021 and recommends reappointment.

Jack Warren made a motion to reappoint Richard Gossett to the Highway 37 North Water District Board for a five year term ending June 1, 2026. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes, except John Gossett abstained.

**HILL CITY WATER
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Hill City Water District Board and he read a letter from Paul Leffler Chairman of the Hill City Water District Board requesting Sharon Moore to appointed to fill Bud Jay's unexpired term ending April 30, 2024.

Jack Warren made a motion to appoint Sharon Moore to Hill City Water District Board ending April 30, 2024. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

FARMLAND COMMITTEE - Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item
1 APPOINTMENT on the agenda is the appointment to the Farmland
Committee and informed the County Board that this
appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

COUNTY CLERK & Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on
CORONER the agenda are the monthly reports from the
Franklin County Clerk & Franklin County Coroner.

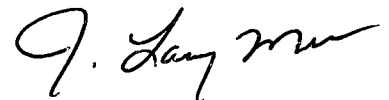
Ray Minor made a motion to approve all reports as
presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On
roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board
that no closed session is needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there
were any questions. Jack Warren made a motion to
adjourn the meeting. Ray Minor seconded the
motion. There being no further business Chairman J.
Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder